

# Mount Stromlo Observatory school visits

## Terms and Conditions

School visits run for up to two hours and can be booked during the day or in the evening. For school evening visits, visits begin after sunset and the latest start time available is 8:30pm.

Availability for daytime school visits is limited, and we typically only accept a maximum of four daytime school visits per month. Two hour school visits are only able to be booked in the late afternoon/evening.

School visits may include a welcome by professional astronomers, a behind-the-scenes tour of the site, a question and answer session hosted by our astronomers, hands-on activities within the Visitor Centre, solar observing, or stargazing. Due to the variability of weather/visibility conditions and the length of the visit, the schedule of activities during school visits may differ. Stargazing during evening visits may not always be possible and will instead be replaced with other age-appropriate activities. Our astronomers will always make an effort to provide an exciting and interactive experience, regardless of weather conditions and limited viewing. Please let us know of any mobility or other requirements you have so we can ensure the planned activities are appropriate.

All visits are charged at \$18 per person after the minimum charge.(15 people.) All school visits have a minimum charge of \$400. We have a limit of 50 students per visit during the day and 60 students per visit in the evening, and we require a supervisor to student ratio of 1:10 for primary school students and 1:15 for secondary school students. Entry is free for all required supervisors. Beyond this, extra supervisors/adults are charged at the same rate as students. If you need to bring more supervisors than what is required in the FOC teacher to student ratio and need special consideration (**e.g. you are a rural, remote, or low SES school, or have special needs**), please contact us.

Please note, Scouts/Guides do not fall under special consideration.

Please see below for the exact number of supervisors included free of charge.

Primary students (1:10)	Supervisors included free of charge
1-14	1
15-24	2
25-34	3
35-44	4
45-54	5
55-60	6

Secondary students (1:15)	Supervisors included free of charge
1-22	1
23-37	2
38-52	3
53-60	4

Unless advised otherwise, we require a contact number for the visit and final attendance numbers of students and supervisors to be confirmed at least two weeks prior to your visit. If you do not confirm your numbers, you will be charged for either the numbers initially booked or the actual attendance, whichever is highest.

School visits are invoiced after the visit has taken place and the invoice will be emailed to you. When completing the booking form, please ensure you provide both the email address that the invoice should be sent to, as well as the physical billing address of your organisation.

Please note that the Mount Stromlo Observatory site is closed to the public on days of severe or higher fire danger rating.

In this instance, you have the option to either attend on a different day (subject to availability) or we will do our best to facilitate a replacement booking with another suitable ANU STEM program.